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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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19 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
20 Plaintiff,
21 v.
22 MELISSA COX,
23 Defendant.

No. 1:24-CR-00206-JLT

**MOTION TO TERMINATE CJA
APPOINTMENT OF ERIC V. KERSTEN
AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD AND
[PROPOSED] ORDER**

24 On December 12, 2024, a Probation Form 12C petition and order charging Defendant
25 Melissa Cox with violating her conditions of supervised release was filed. On January 24, 2025
26 CJA Panel Attorney Eric V. Kersten was appointed as trial counsel to represent Ms. Cox in her
27 criminal case. Ms. Cox admitted violating her conditions of release and was sentenced on
28 February 10, 2025. The time for filing a direct appeal was February 26, 2025. No direct appeal
was filed. Ms. Cox was in custody at sentencing. The trial phase of Ms. Cox's criminal case has,
therefore, come to an end. Having completed his representation of Ms. Cox, CJA attorney Eric V.
Kersten now moves to terminate his appointment under the Criminal Justice Act.

Should Ms. Cox require further legal assistance she has been advised to contact the Office
of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California by mail at 2300 Tulare Street, Suite

1 330, Fresno, CA 93721, or by phone at (559) 487-5561 (collect) or (855) 656-4360 (toll-free),
2 which, if appropriate, will arrange for the re-appointment of counsel to assist him/her.

3 Dated: April 24, 2025

4 Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Eric V. Kersten

7 ERIC V. KERSTEN

8 Attorney for Defendant

Melissa Cox

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

11 Having reviewed the notice and found that attorney Eric V. Kersten has completed the
12 services for which he was appointed, the Court hereby grants attorney Kersten's request for leave
13 to withdraw as defense counsel in this matter. Should Defendant seek further legal assistance,
14 Defendant is advised to contact the Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of
15 California at 2300 Tulare Street, Suite 330, Fresno, CA 93721. The phone number for the office
16 is (559) 487-5561 (collect) or (855) 656-4360 (toll-free). If appropriate, the office will arrange for
17 the reappointment of counsel to assist Defendant.

18 The Clerk of Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on Defendant Melissa Cox at
19 the following address and to update the docket to reflect Defendant's pro se status and contact
20 information.

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MELISSA COX
2036 N. Cecelia Avenue
Fresno, CA 93722

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IT IS SO ORDERED

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Dated: April 25, 2025

James I. Thurgood
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE